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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and encloses the \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

The following documents are enclosed with this Request for Continued Examination:

- [X] Third Information Disclosure Statement, with its accompanying Form PTO-1449 and 9 references.
- [X] Also enclosed is Aknowledgment Postcard
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